

building a major, new baseball facility in his hometown of Aberdeen, just north of Baltimore.

Madam Speaker, at a time when the sports news is often dominated by reports of labor unrest or athletes involved in unsavory behavior or owners running their team with no apparent regard for the feelings of loyal fans, Cal Ripken, Jr. has stood as a symbol of all that is good and right about baseball. For Cal, it has always been the game that matters the most. His dedication to the rhythms and rituals of the game, his commitment to doing a job he loved as well as he could, day in and day out, has stood as an example to millions of Americans, and especially America's children, that we can admire and aspire to what he has done.

Madam Speaker, this weekend will be the end of an extraordinary career by Cal Ripken as he plays his last game at Camden Yards. His legacy will live on. He will serve as a model for future generations. I urge my colleagues to join me in celebrating the outstanding career of Cal Ripken, Jr.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

After listening to all of the accomplishments of Cal Ripken, there is no wonder that we would take time to congratulate and honor him on his retirement.

Madam Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I thank the gentleman for his comments and those that have been offered by all of those who have spoken on this particular issue. It is true that Cal Ripken wore the number 8 on his back but is number 1 in our hearts. We are very proud in Maryland of the record that he has set, of him as a role model, and we are very proud of him as Americans.

Mr. BEREUTER. Madam Speaker, this Member rises in support of H. Res. 247, to honor, congratulate, and thank Cal Ripken.

In less than a week, Cal Ripken will conclude his remarkable baseball career and it's certainly appropriate to take this opportunity to recognize his contributions both on and off the field. Throughout his 21 years in the majors, Cal exemplified the highest possible level of sportsmanship. His constant dedication and unmatched work ethic earned him the respect and admiration of teammates, opponents, and millions of fans.

Quite simply, Cal knew the right formula for success. He combined a serious approach to the game's fundamentals with an infectious enthusiasm and sense of fun each time he went on the field. Cal's determination as well as his love of the game were obvious for all to see.

Cal clearly put up some of the most impressive numbers in baseball history during his Hall of Fame career. He also set a new stand-

ard for shortstops with his power hitting and nearly flawless fielding. He is one of only seven players with at least 400 home runs and 3,000 hits.

However, the most amazing number in Cal's illustrious career is certainly 2,632, the number of consecutive games he played. It's a record that virtually everyone agrees will never be matched and it symbolizes an unequalled commitment to doing a job and doing it right.

Many of Cal's accomplishments can be quantified, but these numbers offer only a glimpse of his profound influence throughout baseball and society. He became a role model for children and adults alike who saw what can be done through preparation, hard work, and perseverance.

Cal's unique style of play appealed to fans on many different levels. The intense baseball fan admired his meticulous attention to detail and studious approach to the game. The casual fan appreciated his dramatic home runs and extraordinary defensive plays. Even those who didn't follow baseball admired all that he represented as a player.

The Iron Man won gold glove and silver bat awards, but it was the intangibles that helped set him apart. Perhaps more than anything, it's Cal's character and strong values that make him such a special individual. His loyalty, demonstrated by playing his entire career with the Baltimore Orioles, was extended to his teammates and those who enjoyed watching him play.

Off the field, Cal always had times for the fans. He also put an emphasis on giving back to the community. He and his wife have supported numerous charities through the Kelly and Cal Ripken, Jr. Foundation and have promoted adult literacy, medical research and numerous other worthy causes.

Fortunately for baseball fans everywhere, Cal has made it clear that he plans on staying involved in the game that he loves. His commitment to share his knowledge with young players means that the "Ripken Way" will continue even after Cal retires.

Madam Speaker, this Member is pleased to join all of America in saying "Thank you, Cal" and wishing him well.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to personally congratulate an American icon—a role model in the game of baseball and culture—Cal Ripken, Junior.

In the world of sports, it is pretty difficult to find someone who children can look up to, admire and emulate. Too often, popular figures seem to lose their roots and gain a false sense of pride. But not Cal Ripken. He is a class act—a stand-up guy. In the Major Leagues, he takes us back to the future by reminding us about the best of what was, while breaking records and re-defining what is. He has kept baseball historians and statisticians on their feet by constantly out-performing himself and others. The awards he has won speak for themselves.

Cal Ripken, Junior picked a team and stuck with it through thick and thin. Like the heroes of yester-year, Ripken chose not to shop around for the highest bidder. Rather, he excelled while being a team player in the truest sense of the words.

Off the field, Cal Ripken, Junior was a classy a guy as he was on the infield. We rec-

ognize him as a model citizen for the good works he has performed. Ripken has given his time and money to investing in our nation's youth, combating illiteracy and other laudable missions.

It is never easy to say goodbye. I do not doubt the difficulty involved with retiring from the game of baseball. But there is something to be said for going out on top. In fact, I just saw Ripken hit a grand slam a few weeks ago.

For the service Cal Ripken, Junior has performed on his own time and the amazing talent he has demonstrated inside the park, Congress commends Mr. Ripken. There may never be another like him in Baltimore. I look forward to watching Cal Ripken's last game and wish him a lifetime of happiness in his retirement.

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BIGGERT). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 247.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CONGRATULATING TONY GWYNN ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM BASEBALL

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 198) congratulating Tony Gwynn on the announcement of his retirement from the San Diego Padres and from Major League Baseball.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 198

Whereas Tony Gwynn has a lifetime batting average of .338, 15th on the all-time career leaders list, which includes baseball legends as Ty Cobb, Rogers Hornsby, and Tris Speaker;

Whereas Gwynn has 3,127 career hits, and only 16 players have more hits than Gwynn, including Ty Cobb, Hank Aaron, and Stan Musial;

Whereas Gwynn is the owner of eight Silver Bats for the eight batting titles he has won, tying him for the National League record with Honus Wagner, with only Ty Cobb of the American League having won more titles;

Whereas among the all-time Padres career leaders, Gwynn is first in batting average, hits, runs batted in, and runs;

Whereas Gwynn has not only proven to be a great hitter but a great defensive player, winning five Gold Glove awards;

Whereas of the 20 seasons Gwynn has played, he has had a batting average of .300 or better in 19 of those seasons;

Whereas throughout his career, Gwynn has been selected to 16 All-Star teams;

Whereas Gwynn has played in two World Series, in 1984 and 1998;

Whereas, in an era when money dominates the game of baseball, Tony Gwynn chose to play in San Diego for the Padres when it was believed that he could have earned more money with another team in another city;

Whereas Gwynn is an example of good sportsmanship, having always conducted himself with dignity, and has been a role model for young people and for all Americans;

Whereas Gwynn has proven himself to be an active leader not only in the clubhouse but also in the community;

Whereas Gwynn and his wife Alicia are philanthropists dedicated to their support for the Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation, the Casa de Amparo, the Police Athletic League, the New Haven Home, the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, the Epilepsy Society of San Diego, and many more organizations; and

Whereas for his community involvement, Gwynn was named Individual of the Year at the 1998 Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner, was the 1995 Branch Rickey Award winner, and was the 1998 Padres nominee for Major League Baseball's Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates Tony Gwynn on the announcement of his retirement, honors him for an outstanding career, and thanks him for his contributions to baseball and to his community.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) and the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on H. Res. 198.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Our colleague the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS) introduced House Resolution 198 on July 17, 2001. The gentlewoman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON) cosponsored the measure. The legislation was referred to the Committee on Government Reform on July 17.

I rise in strong support of House Resolution 198, a resolution congratulating Tony Gwynn on his distinguished career with the San Diego Padres. Tony Gwynn has announced his retirement from his home team and Major League Baseball. This legislation commends Tony Gwynn on his many achievements: a lifetime batting average of .338, which is 15th best all time; his ownership of eight silver bats of the eight National League batting titles that he has won; and his career total of 3,140 hits, and counting.

Madam Speaker, Tony Gwynn has not only proven to be a great hitter but also a great defensive player, winning five Gold Glove awards. He has been selected to 16 All-Star teams and has played in two World Series, in 1984 and 1998.

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Tony Gwynn epitomizes good sportsmanship, always conducting himself with dignity. He is a role model for young people, young athletes, and all Americans.

He is a leader not only in the clubhouse, but also in the community. He is a supporter of the Police Athletic League, the Casa de Amparo, the New Haven Home, the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, the Epilepsy Society of San Diego, and many other philanthropic organizations. Additionally, Gwynn and his wife, Alicia, have established the Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation.

Tony has been recognized for his community involvement. He was named Individual of the Year at the 1998 Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner, was the 1995 Branch Rickey Award winner, and was the 1998 Padres nominee for Major League Baseball's Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award.

Madam Speaker, Tony Gwynn has been an asset to professional baseball and to his community. He has had an outstanding career; and on behalf of all Americans, I thank him for his contributions and the joy that he has brought to the sport of baseball. I want to wish him and his wife, Alicia, and his two children, Anthony II and Anisha Nicole, a very happy and fulfilling life together as Tony enjoys his retirement.

Madam Speaker, I want to take the opportunity to commend the distinguished gentlewoman from California for introducing House Resolution 198 and for her hard work in ensuring its passage.

I urge all Members to support H. Res. 198.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, when I was a child, my mother used to try and convince us to work by telling us that we should never rest until your good becomes better and your better becomes best.

Tony Gwynn is one of the best hitters in baseball history. Between 1994 and 1997, he won four consecutive batting titles, with averages better than .350. The left-handed outfielder became the first National League player in more than 70 years to accomplish this feat.

Gwynn's eight total career batting titles tie him with Honus Wagner for second on the all-time list. Only Ty Cobb, with 12 career batting titles, has more.

Anthony Keith Gwynn was born in Los Angeles and educated at San Diego State University, where he played baseball and basketball. He was selected by the San Diego Padres of the National League in 1981 in the free agent draft. After playing in the minor leagues, he joined the Padres in 1982.

In 1984, Gwynn led the National League in batting with a .351 average and helped lead the Padres to the National League pennant. In 1987, Gwynn topped the league again, with a .370 average, the highest National League mark since Stan Musial hit .376 in 1948. Gwynn then led the league in batting for the next two seasons, with averages of .313 and .336.

He did not win the batting title from 1990 to 1993, but he maintained his excellent hitting, registering averages of .309, .317, .317, and .358. In 1994, the Major League season ended in August because of a player strike, but Gwynn reclaimed the batting title by hitting .394 in the abbreviated campaign. This was the highest average in the major leagues since Ted Williams hit .406 in 1941.

Over the next three seasons, Gwynn extended his string of batting titles, batting .368 in 1995, .353 in 1996, and .372 in 1997. He became the first National League player to top .350 in five consecutive seasons since Rogers Hornsby achieved that feat in six straight campaigns from 1920 to 1925.

Although best known for his hitting, Gwynn was recognized for his fine fielding during several seasons and won five Gold Glove Awards as one of the best defensive outfielders in the National League in 1986, 1987, 1989, and 1991.

I congratulate the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS) for introducing this resolution and would urge its support.

Mrs. MORELLA. Madam Speaker, I reserve my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from California (Mrs. DAVIS), the author of this resolution.

Mrs. DAVIS of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my resolution in congratulating and commemorating Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres upon his retirement from Major League Baseball. After 20 amazing seasons, Tony has decided to retire from the Padres and from baseball.

At San Diego State University, Tony was actually a basketball star, a game that he thought came more natural to him. But when a career in basketball was not likely, Tony had to work hard at the game of baseball to get to the skill level he is at now.

Tony is living proof that if you work hard, you can achieve almost anything. Tony has studied the game, he has studied the art of hitting. And years later, he has not rested at the game of baseball; but, rather, he still watches and studies film and analyzes pitchers.

His strong work ethic paid off. Soon after Tony signed with the Padres, he immediately established himself as a consistent hitter. In his first full season with the Padres, he had a batting average of .351 and won his first of

eight batting championships. In that first year of 1984, he took his team to the World Series.

After that season, Tony never hit below .300. He currently has a lifetime batting average of .338, which is fifteenth on the all-time career list, a list that includes Ty Cobb, Rogers Hornsby, and Tris Speaker.

Two years ago, Tony reached a coveted baseball milestone by getting his 3,000th hit. His career hit total now is 3,139; and he has got a game to go. So we are still counting.

While he has proven himself adept at hitting, Tony has proven himself also to be a great defensive player, winning five Gold Glove Awards. This year, Tony topped off a Hall of Fame career as an honorary player in the All-Star game. It was his sixteenth All-Star game appearance.

As well as his leadership on the field, Tony has proven to be a leader off the field. He and his wife, Alicia, have been active in so many organizations in San Diego. Tony has been involved with dozens, such as his Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation. He has also lent his time to the San Diego Police Athletic Leagues, the Jackie Robinson YMCA, and the Casa de Amparo, just to name a few of the organizations that he and his wife have been involved in. And he has been rewarded for his efforts. In 1998, Tony was named Individual of the Year at the Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner.

Throughout his career, Tony has been an example of good sportsmanship, having conducted himself with dignity. He has been such an exemplary role model for young people and for all Americans. Many people believe that Tony could have left the San Diego Padres to play in another city with another team for much more money than he was earning in San Diego. But he chose to stay. He chose to stay in San Diego, for his love of the game and his love of San Diego, a rare act today.

On October 7 of this year, an era will come to an end in San Diego, the era of one of the greatest hitters in the game of baseball; the era of a San Diego sports icon; the era of Tony Gwynn.

It will be strange now to watch a San Diego Padres game and not see Tony come up to the plate in a clutch situation. Of course, we all expect him to get a hit.

Tony Gwynn has always been a staple of San Diego and is a true hometown hero. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring a great baseball player and a great human being for his tremendous accomplishments.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I continue to reserve my time.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Indiana (Ms. CARSON), a real patron of the game of baseball, but more a patron of excellence.

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Illinois for yielding me time. I certainly also thank the honorable gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA).

Mr. Speaker, I am not going to be redundant, because there are so many wonderful accolades that we could give retiring Tony Gwynn in this hour. But in deference of time, let me just very briefly give honor to whom honor is due.

I have known Tony Gwynn; his wife, Alicia Gwynn; their son, Anthony II; and daughter, Anisha for many years. As a matter of fact, they have dual residence. They also have property in Indianapolis, Indiana; and truly Alicia and Tony have been very generous to the community in Indianapolis, Indiana. They undergird the principle unto whom much is given, much is required.

Tony is fifteenth on the all-time hit list, with over 3,140 hits. He has won eight batting titles and is a 15-time All Star. He will join the baseball Hall of Fame on the first ballot. He is only the fifth National League player and seventeenth overall to play at least 20 seasons in the Major Leagues with one team.

In 1994, Tony hit for the highest average, .394, since Ted Williams hit above .400 in 1941.

Behind all these baseball achievements, Tony is a man who cares and supports the community. As we have heard from previous speakers, he has been acclaimed in so many ways. He won the Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award, which recognizes the player who best combines sportsmanship and community involvement with excellence on the field. He is a man who received the 1999 Lou Gehrig Memorial Award, given annually by the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity to the Major League player who best exemplifies the character and the leadership of the Hall of Fame first baseman, both on the field and off. He has been inducted into the World Sport Humanitarian Hall of Fame in Boise, Idaho, and received the Branch Rickey Award as the top community activist in Major League baseball.

Mr. Speaker, if I was a publicist for Tony Gwynn, I think I would make it very simple and simply say "Gwynn wins," because Tony Gwynn has won a place in the hearts of all of the sports enthusiasts across the country, across the world, and Tony Gwynn wins the hearts of all of the young people that he has touched and that he has been a wonderful example for throughout his lifetime.

As we celebrate America, let us celebrate an extraordinary American, Tony Gwynn, who stands for all that is right in America; a true sportsman, a man who exudes family values in the very highest sense. I am blessed that I know the Gwynn family. I have won by knowing the Gwynn family.

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, my mother probably just said it best when she said, good, better, and best. Never rest until your good becomes better and your better becomes best. Tony Gwynn was always among the best.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, in sequence, we have talked about two of the best baseball players who are retiring; and we look upon them as role models, as great Americans, participating with great excellence in the American sport of baseball. So I congratulate the sponsor of this legislation, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. DAVIS), and the cosponsors. I want to thank the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. DAVIS) for managing the bills on that side of the aisle. I urge all Members to support House Resolution 198.

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to honor not only a great baseball player but also a great citizen of San Diego. Tony Gwynn epitomizes excellence on and off the field of play. On the field he has awards and accolades most players can only dream about: the highest batting average among active players, over 3,000 hits, 8 batting titles, and 5 gold gloves.

Off the field, he has given back to his beloved community, San Diego. Tony and his wife, Alicia, established the Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation in 1994 to fund deserving local charitable organizations. He is also a leading participant in the Padres Scholars program that provides \$125,000 per year in college scholarships for San Diego middle school students. He is active in various other philanthropic organizations, including the Police Athletic League, Casa de Amparo, the New Haven Home and the Epilepsy Society of San Diego. For his work, Tony was named the 1999 Roberto Clemente Man of the Year, given annually to the Major League Baseball player who combines extraordinary skills on the baseball field while being devoted to his community.

Tony Gwynn will continue giving back to the only community he has ever played baseball for by returning to his alma mater, San Diego State University, to become its baseball coach following the 2002 college season. There he will teach young players the intricacies of the game he has helped shape.

It's been a joy to watch Tony Gwynn play the game—and I join his friends and family and wish him luck with the beginning of his coaching career. Everybody knows he will be a success because he does not know the meaning of the word failure.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and commend my constituent from Poway, California: Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres, for his achievements on and off the field.

Mr. Speaker at the end of this season, Tony Gwynn will end his storied career in San Diego. I want to congratulate him for his hard work and commitment.

Mr. Speaker on August 6, 1999, Tony Gwynn hit the 3,000th base hit of his career. As many baseball fans know, this was not an easy accomplishment. In the history of Major League Baseball, only 22 other ball-players hit 3,000 or more base hits. This achievement places Tony Gwynn in the pantheon of baseball legends including: Roberto Clemente, Lou Brock, and Hank Aaron.

In 20 seasons, all with the San Diego Padres, Tony Gwynn has been the master of putting the ball into play. In the Padres 1998 National League Championship season, Tony had almost as many home runs as strikeouts, and struck out looking only three times. His hands are lightning-quick and he's able to wait until the last millisecond before connecting with the ball wherever it is pitched. He goes after the first good pitch he sees and almost always hits it, so he rarely walks. And Tony is renowned for his ability to hit balls through the left side of the infield.

Tony has batted over .300 in 19 of those seasons and in the strike-shortened season of 1994, batted an amazing .394. His career batting average is an astounding .338.

Furthermore, off the baseball diamond, Tony has been a tremendous asset to the San Diego community. Tony, along with his wife Alicia, have given their time and effort in philanthropic causes. They don't like to talk about community efforts, but the Gwynns are involved in more than two dozen organizations—San Diego Police Athletic Leagues, Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, Padres Scholars, the Casa de Amparo, Neighborhood House, the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA to name a few—that benefit from his time, attention and money.

In 1998, Tony led all Padres players in community appearances and joined seven-time American League batting champion Rod Carew for a historic youth batting clinic in Culiacan, Mexico, in March 1998. In addition, Tony was named the Individual of the Year at the 1998 Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner. He was also the 1995 Branch Rickey Award winner, and 1998 Padres Nominee for Major League Baseball's Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award.

These days children often pay to get professional athletes' autograph, picture, or signed memorabilia. Tony Gwynn has no part of this. Tony stays late at events to sign autographs; he's nice to young people; he's nice to everybody. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring this tremendous individual for his multitude of accomplishments.

I want to submit for the RECORD a copy of a resolution that I introduced last Congress, and urge all my Colleagues to support this resolution today.

H. RES. 284

Whereas on August 6, 1999, Anthony ("Tony") Gwynn, of the San Diego Padres major league baseball organization, hit his 3,000th career base hit;

Whereas the last person in the National League to have 3,000 career base hits was Lou Brock, on August 13, 1979;

Whereas in the history of major league baseball, only 22 other players have 3,000 or more base hits in their careers, including such greats as Roberto Clemente, Rod Carew, and Hank Aaron;

Whereas Tony Gwynn is considered to be one of the greatest major league hitters of

the modern era, and was proclaimed the 'Greatest Hitter Since Ted Williams' by Sports Illustrated;

Whereas Tony Gwynn has won eight batting titles, tied for the National League record only with Honus Wagner, and topped only by the American League legend Ty Cobb;

Whereas throughout his career Tony Gwynn has consistently conducted himself with dignity, modesty, and selflessness that has been an inspiration to all Americans;

Whereas Tony Gwynn has also distinguished himself off the baseball diamond as an active and valued member of the San Diego community;

Whereas Tony Gwynn, along with his wife Alicia, continue their award-winning philanthropic efforts, and are extremely active in supporting the Tony and Alicia Gwynn Foundation, the Casa de Amparo, Police Athletic League, New Haven Home, Neighborhood House, the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA, the Epilepsy Society of San Diego, and many more organizations;

Whereas in 1998, Tony Gwynn led all Padres players in community appearances and joined seven-time American League batting champion Rod Carew for a historic youth batting clinic in Culiacan, Mexico, in March 1998; and

Whereas Tony Gwynn was named the Individual of the Year at the 1998 Equal Opportunity Awards Dinner, was the 1995 Branch Rickey Award winner, as well as the 1998 Padres nominee for Major League Baseball's Roberto Clemente Man of the Year Award: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates and commends Tony Gwynn of the San Diego Padres for his amazing accomplishments on and off the baseball field, and thanks him for many years of unsurpassed baseball excitement.

Mr. HUNTER, Mr. Speaker, I want to commend the outstanding achievements of baseball great, Tony Gwynn, and give my full support to H. Res. 198, introduced by my San Diego colleague, SUSAN DAVIS. Throughout his 20 year career as a professional baseball player with the San Diego Padres, Tony Gwynn has been a role model both on and off the field.

October 7th will mark the end of Tony Gwynn's professional baseball career as a player; a career played entirely in San Diego. Only 16 players in baseball history have played at least 20 seasons and spent their entire career with one team.

Throughout his remarkable career, the future Hall of Famer compiled a lifetime batting average of .338, gained over 3,000 hits (17th most in major league history), won 8 batting championships, 5 Gold Gloves, and is a 15-time National League All-Star. He currently leads all active players in career batting average, hits, and strikeout to walk ratio. He has struck out only 425 times in 9,186 career at bats; averaging only one strike out every 23.8 plate appearances.

Not all of Tony Gwynn's accomplishments have been on the field. His ties to the San Diego community are just as strong as his numbers in the field. It is well known that Tony and his wife, Alicia, are great contributors to humanitarian efforts and devote themselves to community service. While they are widely recognized for helping build and furnish a YMCA in San Diego, what is not as well known are the other philanthropic efforts in which the

Gwynns participated. They have helped pay funeral costs for those who could not afford them, obtained Christmas presents for needy families, and bought blocks of Padre tickets for children to sit near him in the right field seats.

Tony and his wife have a son, Anthony II and a daughter, Anisha Nicole. Anthony is a freshman baseball player at San Diego State University, which is his father's alma mater. Now Anthony will have the ability to play once again with his first coach. Tony recently accepted the head coaching position for next year's San Diego State baseball team, continuing his efforts to give back to the community and the sport he loved so much.

Mr. Speaker, Tony Gwynn is deservedly one of the most respected and admired professional athletes in the world. His dedication to his profession, family, and community provides a role model we all can look up to. We will miss number 19 in the Padre line-up, but thank him for all the great moments he has given to the San Diego community and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Mrs. MORELLA. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WALDEN of Oregon). The question is on the motion offered by the gentlewoman from Maryland (Mrs. MORELLA) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 198.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY COMMITTEE ON RULES REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 2883, INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002

(Mr. SESSIONS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, a "Dear Colleague" letter has been sent to Members informing them that the Committee on Rules plans to meet at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 3, 2001, to grant a rule for the consideration of H.R. 2883, the Intelligence Authorization Act for fiscal year 2002.

The Committee on Rules may grant a rule which would require that amendments be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD prior to their consideration on the floor.

The Committee on Intelligence filed its report on the bill on Wednesday, September 26. Members should draft their amendments to the bill as reported by the Committee on Intelligence.

Members should use the Office of Legislative Counsel to ensure that their amendments are properly drafted and should check with the Office of the Parliamentarian to be certain that